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SUBJ: BIDDING/NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES FOR SRI LANKA FISHING
FLEET/CONTRACT

REFS: A) STATE 193816, B) COLOMBO 3089

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SRI LANKA FISHING FLEET PROJECT WITH ABU DHABI FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS SEPTEMBER 19. ACCORDING TO ABU DHABIANS, THERE ARE NO SPECIAL PROCUREMENT CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PROJECT NOR HAS IBRD BEEN INVOLVED IN PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY.

2. ABU DHABIANS SAY THAT PROJECT IS 11.4 MILLION DOLLAR PACKAGE WITH ABU DHABI FUND AND SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT EACH FINANCING HALF. PROJECT WILL INCLUDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND SPARE PARTS AS WELL AS 150 THIRTY-TWO FOOT SHRIMP TRAWLERS, 20 MULTI-PURPOSE THIRTY-EIGHT FOOT FISHING VESSELS AND 2 SIXTY FOOT MULTI-PURPOSE FISHING VESSELS. ABU DHABI HAS REQUIRED THAT IBRD TYPE FORMAT BE USED (PROJECT TO BE GIVEN TO LOWEST QUALIFIED TENDERER WITH DISBURSEMENTS MADE DIRECTLY TO SUPPLIERS RATHER THAN ROUTED THROUGH LOCAL GOVERNMENT). TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED INDEPENDENTLY OF SHIP SUPPLY CONTRACT. ACCORDING TO MOST RECENT INFORMATION FROM SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT, ABU DHABI FUND OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT
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NORWEGIANS ARE IN STRONG POSITION TO CONCLUDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. FUND OFFICIALS BELIEVE EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE USEFUL LIFE OF TRAWLER IN SRI LANKA IS ONLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF LDC COUNTRY AVERAGE.

3. PRESENT STATUS OF PROJECT SOMEWHAT HAZY TO ABU DHABIANS SINCE THEY HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH SRI LANKA OFFICIALS FOR

PAST TWO MONTHS. HOWEVER THEY EXPECT TO SEND TEAM TO SRI LANKA, PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER, TO SIZE-UP SITUATION. FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROJECT PROBABLY AVAILABLE EASILY FROM DOCTOR ALFI, FORMER FUND OFFICIAL WHO DIRECTED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THIS PROJECT. DOCTOR ALFI LEFT FUND IN JANUARY 1977 TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT AS PROFESSOR ECONOMICS AT UNIVERSITY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
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